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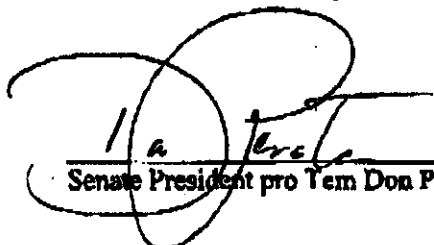
Dear Chairman Sawyer:

Thank you for participating in the May 29th hearing of the Senate Subcommittee on Alternative Energy's AB 32: Early Action Status Report hearing. Your testimony provided the basis for a healthy discussion regarding the implementation of this landmark legislation. Your list of Early Action Items was of particular interest to us. Several of us expressed our desire for a greater emphasis on early action. By way of this letter we want to reiterate and reemphasize that interest.

The lack of an extensive list of early action items continues to trouble the Senate. As you know, AB 32 specifically envisions the rapid deployment of greenhouse gas reduction measures by 2010. We strongly believe that early action is essential. Taking bold early steps will demonstrate the seriousness with which California is tackling global warming. The Legislature feels so strongly about the importance of early action that, through the budget process, we have increased CARB's staff for the specific purpose of advancing early action items.

While we do not have the expertise to recommend any specific early action items, others have suggested many items for your consideration. Between the recommendations of the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee adopted on May 31st, and the various proposals advanced by Environmental Defense and the coalition of environmental groups, CARB has been presented with many options. We urge you to give all those options your most thoughtful consideration so that CARB can start California on an aggressive path to meet the AB 32 goals.

Sincerely,


Senator Christine Kehoe
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